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For: MANAGEMENT OF A NETWORK ELEMENT USING MANAGED OBJECTS IN A DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method (100) comprising the steps of:

checking in response to a request (RQ = RQ*) for access to one (MO*) of a plurality of

managed objects (MO1, MO2, MO*) whether this requested object (MO*) is stored in a memory

(MEM) (step 110) of a network element connected to a Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH)

network;

if this requested object (MO*) is not stored in the memory (MEM), checking whether

there is sufficient memory space to write this object (MO*) into the memory (MEM) (step 120);